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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Mr. Baumgardner's memo to Mr. Sullivan 4/2/64 recommended that I lly brief Senator Saltonstall in accordance with an attached "Top Secret" summary icating Reverend Martin Luther King's communist connections and [redacted] make-u purpose of such action was because Reverend King had been [redacted]

Senator Saltonstall is on the Board of Trustees of Springfield lege.

I called upon Senator Saltonstall at 10:30 a.m., 4/7/64 in his office. At beginning of our conversation I told the Senator that my remarks should be held in the est of confidence. He agreed to this. I then mentioned that he had long been a rrier of the FBI's and, therefore, the Director wanted me to brief him concerning a of potential embarrassment to a college he obviously was very personally interested Senator Saltonstall was told that captioned individual was to [redacted]

He was advised that King for some time has been maintaining lose liaison with [redacted] members of the Communist Party. I told him King had received guidance and counsel and had relied greatly upon one of these mbers. I told Senator Saltonstall also that King was known to be [redacted]

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Senator Saltonstall told me he was shocked to receive this information. He ted it was hardly believable. He said if it were not for the integrity of the FBI he would believe such facts. I told him that our information was very obviously truthful and ed upon indisputable facts.

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Senator Saltonstall told me that while he wanted to respect our confidence, information placed a great burden upon him. He stated he felt duty bound to tell Glenn Olds. I reminded Senator Saltonstall that I had advised him of the above-ntioned facts in strict confidence. He then inquired if I would speak to Dr. Olds. He ribed Dr. Olds as a very outstanding individual who could be trusted implicitly.

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Mr. Sullivan
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old the Senator I preferred not to speak with Dr. Olds about this matter and that I nted him, Senator Saltonstall, to know that under no circumstances should this information be attributed to the FBI. The Senator assured me that he would treat our information on a confidential basis; however, he might possibly have to take Dr. Olds into s confidence.

I had been back in my office approximately 30 minutes when Senator ltonstall called me. He stated that Dr. Olds was in his office at the time, having opped by as result of a trip to Washington to work on the President's poverty program. nator Saltonstall inquired if I would see Dr. Olds right away. I told him that I was ed up on other matters and it would be impossible. He next inquired if I could see r. Olds at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of 4/8/64. I told Senator Saltonstall I couldn't do is inasmuch as I had a commitment to attend a breakfast meeting of a civic group. He en closed the conversation by stating Dr. Olds would call me and arrange an appointent. I asked Senator Saltonstall if he had disclosed the remarks made during our ious conversation to Dr. Olds. He stated that he had inasmuch as he wanted it made olutely certain that [redacted] I told him at under the circumstances then that I would see Dr. Olds.

Dr. Olds, after making an appointment, came by my office at 4:00 p.m., /8/64. He opened the conversation by stating that he fully recognized the necessity to eep the information concerning King in strict confidence. He stated he wanted us to now that he would maintain this confidence and would not advise anyone of this information. He pointed out that he had been very shocked when Senator Saltonstall told him of ese facts and had insisted that Reverend King be prevented [redacted] e. Dr. Olds, who impressed me as being a very ensible, intelligent individual, stated that due to the fact that he will keep this information confidential, it would be impossible for him to "uninvite" King [redacted] He stated that the "liberals" on his Board of Trustees ould probably tear him to bits if he now cancelled King's appearance. I told Dr. Olds t this point that any action he took in this regard was entirely up to him but that no information was to be attributed to the FBI and that we were to be kept strictly out of his matter. He stated he fully recognized this fact and no one would ever know that the BI had given Senator Saltonstall this information. Dr. Olds did say that he would take mmediate steps to [redacted] He said e wanted to think about the possibility of [redacted] but t this step of the game he did not see how it could be done.

Dr. Olds expressed a desire to shake hands with the Director some day. e indicated he had issued the Director two invitations in the recent past to receive an onorary degree and make the commencement address at Springfield College. However,

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he Director's schedule had caused him to not accept these invitations. I explained the Director's heavy schedule and the fact that he was reluctant to leave Washington whie Congress was in session.

Upon leaving, Dr. Olds assured me that no information would be releas and none would be attributed to the FBI. I told him that we would, of course, deny any such information had been furnished. At this point he advised me that, of course, his main reason for coming to the FBI was to determine if we could suggest any course of action he might take. I told him we could suggest nothing, that any action taken was entirely up to him.

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